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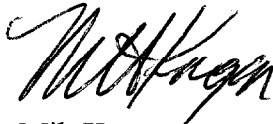
Donna Shalala,  
Secretary, U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services  
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Dear Ms. Shalala,

I have been informed that you and your department are considering changing the labeling requirements for food that has been treated by radiation. I would have assumed that you would be strengthening these regulations, but apparently you are planning to ease the restrictions on such food products. Although the FDA has approved radiated foods, I believe that the long term effects of this action might prove harmful to people.

I was under the impression that you and your staff were charged with the responsibility to protect the public from possible health hazards. I strongly advocate that this possible action on your part would be a violation of your duty to the American people. Please make the labeling requirements stronger, not weaker.

Sincerely,

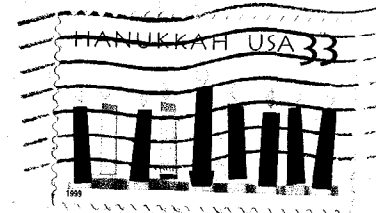


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